drugs manufactured on the premises and send them for test or analysis in accordance with Rule 163 which provides for sending the sample in a sealed packet bearing the seal and distinguishing number. A consumer is also entitled to send any medicine or cosmetic purchased by him to a Government analyst for analysis and to receive a report on making an application and payment of prescribed fees.

(d) Any Government Analyst or Drug Inspector or the State Licensing Authority is empowered to examine the sample submitted by an individual to see whether the same is genuine or tampered with. This is a matter of investigation by the concerned authorities.

New polio vaccine

1283. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new vaccine has been developed to attack all the three strains of P1, P2 and P3 of Polio in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that P2 strain has not been seen in the country since 1999; and

(c) the details of P3 cases reported in the country during the last five years; year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Trivalent oral polio vaccine (OPV), which has been the primary vaccine for polio in use in India and the world, gives protection against all the three strains of poliovirus.

In 2005, after recommendations from the World Health Organisation's Global Advisory Group for polio eradication, monovalent OPV type 1 and monovalent OPV type 3 were introduced. These vaccines specifically target P1 and P3 strains respectively. Monovalent vaccines were also used in 2005 in a number of other countries.

Monovalent vaccines are not "new" and were actually the first oral polio vaccines ever developed in and used in the 1950's and 1960's. They have not, however, been used in the last 20 years since introduction of trivalent OPV.

(b) Yes, Sir. Wild P2 polio virus strains have not been indentified in India since 1999.

(c) P3 cases reported since 2001.

State	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Uttar Pradesh	54	100	16	6	4	1
Bihar	1	-	1	1	-	-
Delhi	1	5	-	-	-	-
Jharkhand	-	-	1	-	-	-
Haryana	-	3	1	-	-	-
West Bengal	-	1	3	-	-	-
Uttaranchal Pr.	-	3	1	-	-	-
Rajasthan	-	1	-	-	-	-

New Medical Colleges in Karnataka

1284. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the present status of proposals received from Karnataka for the approval to start new Government and private medical and dental colleges in the State during 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): A total of 10 (7 for medical college and 3 for dental college) proposals have been received from State of Karnataka. These proposals have been referred to the professional Councils for evaluation. Clearance of these proposals depends on fulfillment of qualifying criteria prescribed in the Regulations of respective Council, availability of infrastructural facilities and recommendations of the concerned councils thereon.

Ayurvedic and Unani Institutions

†1285. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of degrees are awarded by a number of Ayurvedic and Unani Educational Institutes being run at national level across the country, whose courses are yet to get approval from competent authority;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.